

## Around the base

**Road closure:** Access through Simpson St. and Bates St. will be closed at the intersection of Simpson St. and Bates St. from Wednesday through Oct. 9. A detour will be from Hill Blvd. to Bates St.

For more information, call 963-4963.

**Block party:** The Charleston AFB Top 3 Association is sponsoring a junior enlisted (tech sergeant and below) Oktoberfest Block Party Oct. 8, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., in the dormitory area between buildings 477 and 466. Food, music and prizes will be included. Seating is limited, so partygoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

For more information, call your unit first sergeant or any Top 3 member.

**CGOC:** The base Company Grade Officers Council will have 437th Services Squadron commander Maj. Brian Blankenship speak on "Tips for Success for Young Officers" at today's CGOC meeting at 4 p.m., at the Charleston Club.

Contact Lt. Catherine Barker at 963-5202 if you have any questions.

**Dining out:** Enlisted members on base are invited to participate in an Enlisted Dining Out scheduled for Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m., in the Charleston Club.

For more information, or to help in planning and setting up the event, call Staff Sgt. Ken Stewart at 963-2558.

**Medical claims:** Charleston AFB's TRICARE contractor, HUMANA Military Health Services, will assume responsibility for

processing and paying all civilian medical care claims starting today. Military Treatment Facilities will determine eligibility, medical necessity of referrals and scheduling appointments. Active duty members are still required to contact their Primary Care Manager before receiving civilian health care (with the exception of emergencies). Unauthorized care may result in the individual having to pay the bill. For more information, call the Health Benefits Advisor at 963-6706.

**After hours medical care:** The Navy Hospital TRICARE Prime Clinic has relocated to the Naval Weapons Station Branch Clinic. The hours of operation are 4-8 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m.-8 p.m. weekends and holidays. TRICARE Prime enrollees must be referred by their Primary Care Manager prior to being seen by calling 963-6750. For driving directions and additional information, contact the 437th Medical Group Managed Care Flight at 963-6706.

**Talent Show:** Attention Team Charleston: Do you have a hidden talent? The African American Heritage Council invites you to show off your talents. Auditions are Oct. 18, 7-9 p.m. at the Charleston Club (Salons A & B). All acts must audition - absolutely no exceptions. Respond no later than Oct. 15. For more information, call AAHC president Lt. Clifford Colley at 963-3178 or talent show coordinator Senior Airman Bernadette Campbell at 963-2134/36.

**Study skills:** A study skills seminar will be conducted Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon at the Community Education Center. This course will help you learn good study skills and help ensure success in future

college courses and/or College Level Examination Program testing. For information or to sign up, call 963-4575.

**Fall registration:** Webster University will hold fall registration now through Oct. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Community Education Center. Students can also sign up at the Webster Metro Center on Northside Drive beginning Monday. Students using tuition assistance must have a completed TA form with them when registering. Fall classes begin Oct. 18.

For information, call Damond Dawson at 744-8488.

**IDEA program:** Master Sgt. Randy DeBerry, 373rd Training Squadron, received \$10,000 for submitting a cost-saving IDEA to the IDEA Program.

His hard work and attention to detail reflected in the amount of savings he was able to provide to the current C-17 maintenance training device contract; a whopping \$1,688,562. Team Charleston has received 230 IDEA's this Fiscal Year, first in AMC, and has paid out \$75,000. Beginning today, the IDEA Program Data System will offer Air Force personnel an automated system where IDEA's can be submitted via the Internet at <http://ideas.afmia.randolph.af.mil:8080>. The system will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to benefit all workers on all shifts.

For information, call Staff Sgt. John Canter at 963-5199.

**Ads for base paper:** Anyone interested in placing an ad in the Airlift Dispatch should call Island Press at 849-1778.

**Volunteers needed:** The 437th Medical Group is seeking volunteers. Positions are available in many areas, with an immediate need in Pharmacy, Medical Records, Family Practice and the Information desk. To volunteer, individuals must be 18 years or older and willing to make a difference. For information about volunteering, call Bob Frazier at 963-6919.

## Change of command

**General officer announcement:** Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen announced recently that the President has nominated Air Force Lt. Gen. Walter S. Hogle Jr. for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general with assignment as commander, Fifteenth Air Force, and director, Fifteenth Air Force Air Combat Operations Staff, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Hogle is currently assigned as vice commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

## At the chapel

**Dormitory home cooking night:** Tuesdays, 6 p.m., Bldg. 475. The baked goods are free and occasionally there are full meals. The chapel provides ingredients for anyone who wants to bake. Requests for favorite home-made meals are accepted.

**Lunch with the chaplain:** Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the dining facility. This gives everyone an opportunity to meet his or her chaplain.

**New daily Mass time:** Effective Monday, daily Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. (instead of noon) at the base chapel.